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In re Application of:

Yukihisa KATO et al.

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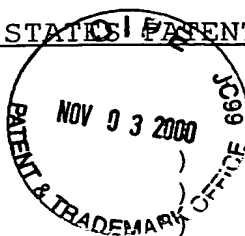
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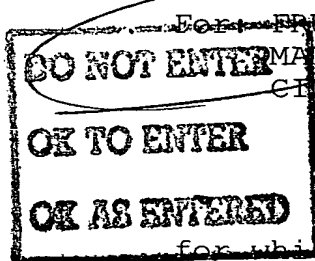
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~~For~~ FRUIT VINEGAR FROM RAW
MATERIAL FLAVORFUL ACID
CITRUS FRUIT JUICE AND...)

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the Office Action of June 14, 2000,
for which a two month extension of time to respond is hereby
requested, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer,
and enter the following new claims:

--21. A method for producing a fruit vinegar
comprising subjecting to acetic acid fermentation by acetic
acid bacteria in the presence of ethanol one member selected
from the group consisting of (a) and (b), wherein

(a) is at least one member selected from the group
consisting of lemon juice, lime juice, yuzu juice, kabosu
juice, sudachi juice, and shii kuwasa juice, wherein each
juice has a low citric acid content and a pH value of 3.0 or
more; wherein said at least one member is

(1) juice having a naturally low citric acid content
and a pH value of 3.0 or more;

(2) juice having a low citric acid content of a pH
value of 3.0 or more in which the citric acid content has been

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